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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

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1. IN RESPONSE TO MY STRICTLY INFORMAL SOUNDINGS JULY 30, CLOSE
CONTACT AND GOOD FREIDND JAMAL OURABAH, ACTING DIRECTOR WESTERN
EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, SAID
HE WAS CERTAIN THAT BOTH PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE AND FOREIGN
MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA WOULD BE IN ALGIERS IN MID-AUGUST "IN

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PRINCIPLE." HE SAID IT WOULD BE EXTRAORDINARY FOR BOUMEDIENNE
TO LEAVE ALGERIA DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADAN.

2. WHEN I RECALLED THAT BOUTEFLIKA HAD BEEN ABSENT DURING
RAMADAN LAST YEAR (OURABAH HIMSELF WAS STILL AT HIS PREVIOUS
OVERSEAS POST AT THE TIME) HE SAID HE WOULD MAKE SOME INFORMAL
SOUNDINGS AND GIVE ME A CALL ON JULY 30 OR 31 TO TRY TO GIVE

ME A BETTER IDEA.

3. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE WE CAN PRETTY MUCH COUNT ON BOUMEDIENNE
BEING HERE BARRING SOME UNUSUAL EVENT. BUT I WOULD NOT LIKE
TO BET THAT BOUTEFLIKA WILL BE HERE.

4. AS FAR AS OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS ARE CONCERNED, SURELY SOME
MINISTERS AND OTHERS WILL BE HERE BUT IT MUST BE REMEMBERED
THAT AUGUST IS NOT ONLY THE MAIN VACATION MONTH FOR ALGERIANS
BUT THAT IT ALSO COINCIDES WITH RAMADAN.STEPHAN

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